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The Australian Dental Council announces new appointments to its Board of Directors

The Australian Dental Council (ADC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Naser Albarbari, Dr Kate Amos and Jamie Williamson to its Board of Directors, commencing in late November 2022.

Chair of the ADC Board of Directors, Professor Chris Peck said of the appointments, "The ADC continues to strengthen its position as a leader in accreditation and assessment with the appointment of three new board members who bring a diversity of experience and skills.

"Their contributions will bring new perspectives and strengthen the organisation's capacity and capability to reach its goals," he added.

Jamie Williamson, a Budawang Yuin man from the New South Wales south coast, is driven by his passion for improving Indigenous health outcomes and has worked in health and community services in Aboriginal community-controlled and not for profit sectors, as well as in government.

His most recent role was as CEO of the Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative – an Aboriginal not-for-profit, community-controlled organisation providing health, dental and social services to the Aboriginal community.

Mr Williamson was an inaugural council member of Victorian Aboriginal Employment and Economic Council, and a working group member for the Victorian Cultural Tourism Advisory Body and the Agricultural College Modernisation Program.

Dr Kate Amos is a private practitioner and the director of a dental clinic in regional NSW. She has worked for the Australian Dental Council as a SET Assessor and on our committees.

Dr Amos is committed to the promotion of dental health within broader healthcare, participating on the Council of her local Primary Health Network, and teaching oral health literacy to medical students and emergency doctors as a guest lecturer. She is a member of the Australian Dental Association (ADA) Infection Control Committee, co-authoring the ADA Guidelines for Infection Prevention and Control and has served on the ADA NSW Board and Council. She volunteers for Filling the Gap and Rebuilding Smiles and as an Emergency Dental Advice Service co-ordinator.

Dr Naser Albarbari joins the ADC Board of Directors as a practising dental health professional with a strong history in corporate management, dental litigation, clinical and organisational governance and strategic guidance.

Dr Albarbari is Chief of Clinical Dental Services at Australian Unity Dental Clinics where he has led 135 staff members and contractors and built a strategic expansion plan including mergers and acquisitions. He is an independent medical examiner for WorkSafe, consultant to the Medical Panels, an examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and he was an assistant to the registrar of the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons. He qualified as a Chartered Financial Analyst in 2021.

The new appointments come with the conclusion of terms on the Board of Directors from the current Chair, Professor Chris Peck, Mr Anthony Evans and Dr David Sykes OAM.

Ms Narelle Mills, CEO of the ADC said, "I'd like to thank our outgoing Board Directors for their contribution to the Australian Dental Council through their time on the Board and participation in committees and working groups. The dental profession has benefitted from their experience and dedication."

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About the Australian Dental Council

Formed in 1993, the Australian Dental Council (ADC) is an independent organisation appointed by the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) to conduct assessment and accreditation functions for the dental profession under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS).

The ADC is an independent not-for-profit company limited by guarantee under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. It holds charity status under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and is funded by a grant from the DBA and fee for service activities.

The Council recognises the value of a diverse and skilled workforce and is committed to creating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive culture, which draws on the backgrounds, experiences and perspectives of its people to enhance its decision making.

Current members of the ADC include key professional bodies, academic bodies and other members of the Australian dental profession.